



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1296**
Toshiaki TAKEZAWA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001_1784A
Serial No. 09/980,246 : Group Art Unit 1651
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TISSUE SECTION-CONTAINING : Mail Stop: RCE
CARRIER FOR CULTURE OF ANIMAL
CELLS, AND METHOD OF USING THE
CARRIER FOR CULTURE AND
TRANSPLANTATION OF ANIMAL CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 28, 2006 and in further response to the final Office Action of March 1, 2006, the period for response having been extended for five months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting entry of the after final response filed August 31, 2006, hereby accompanies this response.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 31, 2006.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.